# Determination of Public Land (Rangeland) Health for 64068 ZUBI DRAW

The Record of Decision (ROD) for the New Mexico Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management (dated January 2001) adopted three Standards for Public Land Health. These are (1) Upland Sites Standard, (2) Biotic Communities, Including Native, Threatened, Endangered, and Special Status Species Standard and (3) Riparian Sites Standard.

The ROD also established a process for the BLM Field Offices for the implementation. Through a public participation process, the Roswell Field Office developed and adopted indicators to use in conjunction with existing monitoring data to assess these standards.

Field assessment worksheets and other available data that evaluate the local indicators were completed for this allotment. Based on the assessments, it is my determination that the public land within Zubi Draw allotment #64068 meets the Upland Sites standard and (2) Biotic Communities, including Native, Threatened, Endangered and Special Status Species standard. There are no public land Riparian areas on this allotment, therefore this standard was not addressed.

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### Standards of Public Land Health Evaluation of 64068 ZUBI DRAW Allotment [ 02/27/2004 ]

The Roswell Field Office conducted rangeland health assessments at five (5) study sites within the Zubi Draw Allotment #64068. The assessments looked at the Soil/Site Stability, Hydrologic Function and Biotic Integrity indicators within the vicinity of each study site. Existing monitoring data was incorporated into and in support of the field assessment. The summary of each assessment is attached and shown in the following table.

Study Area		UPLAND		BIOTIC			RIPARIAN		
or Assessment Area	Meets	Monitor an Indicator	Does Not Meet	Meets	Monitor an Indicator	Does Not Meet	Meets	Monitor an Indicator	Does Not Meet
64068-MADE TANK-F056	X			X			N/A		
64068- MEXICAN- F055	X			X			N/A		
64068-ROCK TANK-F054	X			X			N/A		
64068-SOUTH TRAP-F057	X			X			N/A		
64068- SULFUR-F058	X			X			N/A		

Twenty-two (22) indicators for Rangeland Health were evaluated for the public land on Zubi Draw, allotment #64068. Ten of these assessed soil site stability, 11 hydrologic function and 13 biotic integrity. These qualitative assessments in conjunction with quantitative information gathered from previous monitoring data collected on 5 range trend plot locations within the allotment were utilized to make rangeland health determinations. Quantitative evaluations are performed by the Roswell Field Office, which include some or all of the following: ground and vegetative cover and composition, production, frequency and ecological condition. These collections which were initiated in the late 1970's/early 1980's are scheduled and conducted approximately every 5 years.

The dry conditions occurring over the last several years have impacted this allotment and surrounding area. Five study areas were assessed on this allotment, each one corresponding to a different pasture. Both Made Tank and Mexican Pastures are SD-3 Shallow ecological sites with a Tencee-Upton soil complex, encompassing approximately

1066 acres/485 hectares and 879 acres/400 hectares respectively. These mapping units are on gently rolling soil occuring on upland ridges west of the Pecos River with 0-9% slopes. Made Tank Pasture rated the majority of indicators None to Slight to Slight to Moderate. Bareground however rates Moderate and was estimated at 60% which slightly exceeds the long-term average of 52% and approaches the upper end of the range expected. Functional/structural groups also rates Moderate with the grama (Bouteloua spp.) grass component missing. This site historically doesn't possess a shrub component with the exception of snakeweed (Gutierrezia sarothrae). This half-shrub cycles in and out of this pasture and is consistently observed and its' presence recorded. Creosote (Larrea tridentata) can be seen at the far fringes of this pasture and encroachment is not likely in the near future. The invasive plants indicator as a result rates Moderate due to the scattering of snakeweed. Annual production rates Moderate as approximately 1/2 of the potential forage was produced. Long-term averages 300 lbs/ac or kg/ha. but with the drought taking it's toll on the vegetation, the site has been hindered. The mulch laver is practically missing with the amount of small and large rock cover, as evidenced by the gravelly inclusion at the immediate trend plot location. This microenvironment for propogule establishment is compromised. A physical crusting is in place with some breaks in continuity. No livestock were observed utilizing this pasture.

Mexican Pasture rated a number of indicators Moderate. These were; water flow patterns for this area were connected and some instability and deposition was observed; pedestals and/or terracettes with slight active pedestaling on tobosa (Pleuraphis mutica) clumps which have become decadent in some places; bareground with estimations currently at 70% which is on the border of exceeding the upper end of the range expected; functional/structural groups with dominance of the grama grasses being replaced by tobosa and burrograss (Scleropogon brevifolius); plant mortality and decadence with 30-40% of present vegetation dead which is a distinct possibility of drought influences; litter amount now estimated at 10% but lower than the long-term average of 18%, and a range between 6 and 33%; annual production at 200 lbs/ac or kg/ha. which is 1/2 of the longterm average and ESD potential; invasive plants with creosote scattered especially on the upland portion of this pasture. Reproductive capability of perennial plants is only slightly limited but there are some large bare patches evident that are held together by a fairly uniform physical and biological crust. The drainages leading to and from this site are well vegetated considering the smattering of oil, gas and mineral operations taking place. All other indicators rated None to Slight to Slight to Moderate.

Rock Tank Pasture was the only pasture with significant livestock use. The drinker was placed at the bottom of the existing drainage, but the congregation of livestock is not at the drinker, but rather well distributed throughout the pasture. As expected the water flow patterns were slightly connected with minor erosion taking place. This indicator rates Moderate along with bareground now estimated at 60%. For a loamy site, a reading of 40-50% is expected for the ESD. Both the current and ESD readings exceed the long-term average of 43%. Functional/structural groups also rates Moderate with the grama grasses missing as well as the forb component. Desert holly (Perezia nana) is the only forb onsite along with the shrubs, yucca (Yucca spp.), cholla (Opuntia spinosa) and snakeweed. The departure from the ESD is seen with a reduction in tobosa, burrograss

and threeawn (Aristida spp.). These grasses are reduced in the upland region from the drainage but are slightly more abundant in the drainage and downslope with greater gravel cover. Litter amount show indications of creating a mulch layer, with standing biomass as well, suggesting that the conservative use by livestock is helping this site recover from the recent dry conditions. This indicator rates Moderate with the amount at the bottom end of the range expected for a loamy site. Annual production also rates Moderate with approximately 60% of the potential for the ESD and 1/2 of the long-term average. Yucca and snakeweed are growing on the shallow inclusions and rates Moderate for invasive plants. There is significant gullying occuring on the road leading into the pasture and is need of some maintenance before it impacts the soil and hydrological processes at the site. Vegetation is however attempting to establish on the banks but may not remain if the gullying process is allowed to continue and headcuts and nickpoints become active as a result of vehicle travel and little or no maintenance.

South Trap Pasture rated most of the indicators None to Slight to Slight to Moderate with the exception of functional/structural groups and litter amount. Creosote and yucca are beginning to encroach from the adjacent upland. The grasses blue grama (Bouteloua gracilis) and black grama (Bouteloua eriopoda) are missing which are most noteworthy. Tobosa however continues to dominate but not as strongly as before. The diversity of vegetation remains with slight reductions in most species. Litter amount is below that expected. Long-term averages of 27% falls within the expected range and the current estimation of 10-20% approaches the lower end of the range expected. Some litter movement is observed, but is not traveling far from it's origin. The bulk of production remains tobosa and small amounts of sideoats grama (Bouteloua curtipendula). Cattle trailing through the area is of concern, but the reduced stocking rate by the allotee may alleviate this problem. The compaction layer at 5-10% weakly restricts water movement but not so much root penetration. This indicator with all three attributes for site protection rates Slight to Moderate. The gentle topography and prudent utilizations levels by the allotee on the pasture and surrounding area keeps the soil and mulching processes in line for site protection. Physical and biological crusts are observed and holding the topsoil in place despite the disturbances from the road and cattle trailing.

Sulfur Pasture has consistently been the pasture with the best ecological condition according to the long-term monitoring studies. Located on a state and public land section, this site remains in good condition from an ocular standpoint with a few Moderate deviations. Bareground as with most sites on the allotment rates Moderate with an estimation of 60% approaching the upper end of the range expected. The bottoms are in good shape and show very little evidence of gullying. This site is mostly void of browse species and a reduced forb component. Wolfberry (Lycurus spp.) is the shrub that can be observed in a few isolated pockets with scatterd cholla and snakeweed. As a result the functional/structural groups and invasive plants indicator both rate Moderate. Tobosa and burrograss remain onsite however, but in lesser amounts. Litter amount rates Moderate with an estimation of 10-20%. This is to be expected with the reduction in production at current estimations of 300 lbs/ac or kg/ha. of annual growth long-term averages of 765 lbs/ac or kg/ha. Only slight limitations in reproductive capability can be seen considering the recent dry conditions. Seed and tiller formation can be observed on most grass plants.

Creosote is also observed here on the more shallow uplands of this pasture but do not figure to encroach on this more loamy bottomland area.

Hydrology - Pasture Made Tank - The rills, water flow patterns, pedestals and/or terracettes, bareground, gullies, wind-scoured, blowouts and or depositional areas, litter movement, soil surface resistance to erosion, soil surface loss or degradation, plant community composition and distribution relative to infiltration and runoff, compaction layer, litter amount and physical/chemical/biological crusts indicators have rated as none to slight or slight to moderate. Sand and gravel deposits of Quaternary alluvial, terrace and limestone in the San Andres Formation outcrop in the area.

Pasture Mexican - The water flow patterns indicator rated as moderate. Erosion is occurring with some instability and deposition. The pedestals and/or terracette indicator rated as moderate. The recent dry conditions in combination with wind and water erosion has possibly decreased the amount of plant cover and possibly decreased infiltration into the soil which may have increased the amount of pedestaling of plants and rocks. The bareground indicator rated as moderate. The amount of bareground has possibly increased due to recent dry conditions and also wind and water erosion processes. The litter amount rated in the moderate category. The decrease in litter amount suggests that the dry conditions have had a negative affect on the growing conditions which decreases the amount of litter that is produced. Additionally, the decrease in litter amount can have the effect of increasing the amount of bare soil. All other indicators rated as none to slight or slight to moderate. Sand and gravel deposits of Quaternary alluvial and pediment outcrop in the area.

Pasture Rock Tank - The bareground indicator rated as moderate. The amount of bareground has possibly increased due to recent dry conditions and also wind and water erosion processes. The litter amount rated in the moderate category. The decrease in litter amount suggests that the dry conditions have had a negative affect on the growing conditions which decreases the amount of litter that is produced. Additionally, the decrease in litter amount can have the effect of increasing the amount of bare soil. All other indicators rated as none to slight or slight to moderate. Sand and gravel deposits of Quaternary alluvial outcrop in the area.

Pasture South Trap - The litter amount rated in the moderate category. The decrease in litter amount suggests that the dry conditions have had a negative affect on the growing conditions which decreases the amount of litter that is produced. All other indicators rated as none to slight or slight to moderate. Sand and gravel deposits of Quaternary alluvial outcrop in the area.

Pasture Sulfur - The bareground indicator rated as moderate. The amount of bareground has possibly increased due to recent dry conditions and also wind and water erosion processes. The litter amount rated in the moderate category. The decrease in litter amount suggests that the dry conditions have had a negative affect on the growing conditions which decreases the amount of litter that is produced. Additionally, the decrease in litter amount can have the effect of increasing the amount of bare soil. All other indicators

rated as none to slight or slight to moderate. Sand and gravel deposits of Quaternary alluvial outcrop in the area.

Wildlife/biotic - Evaluation of the integrity of the biotic community considered several indicators as attribute indices for the areas of interest. Biotic indicators are interrelated with several others, including soil/site stability, hydrologic function, and vegetation. Several indicators are singularly biotic and address the vegetative aspect of the ecological site description, such as functional/structural groups and plant mortality and decadence, as discussed above. In addition to the standard worksheet biotic factors, four specific wildlife indicators and descriptors are included in these evaluations.

Sulfur and Rock Tank Pastures - The only biotic factors that fell within the Moderate rating are functional/structural groups, litter amount, annual production and invasive plants. South Trap, Made Tank and Mexican Pastures also rate functional/structural groups Moderate with similar deviations for annual production and litter amount. Snakeweed was the one invasive shrub of concern for Made Tank pasture with scatterings throughout. Considering present climatic regimes, these indicators can be expected to fall within the normal range of variability. As these areas of interest fall within an ecotone between the Chihuahuan desert and grassland biomes, the desert shrub component can be expected in the area and would increase with declining range site conditions and the overall drying conditions over time.

Wildlife habitat and Population indicators rate Slight to Moderate, primarily for pronghorn (Antilocapra americana), desert mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus), upland game birds, and a variety on non-game terrestrial species. The composition of vegetation reflects current climatic conditions, e.g., drought for the past several years and the area being within an ecotone of the Chihuahuan desert and grasslands. Range site production and cover of a variety of preferred plant species for wildlife, such as forbs and woody browse species, and the availability of seed for food and plant regeneration, is moderated by climate and land use. These food and cover habitat components appear to be in very good condition, coupled with the presence of water in depressions and swales. Non-grazing of particular pastures following the early spring storms has enhanced rangeland conditions. With respect to Special Status Species, none are known to occur in the area of interest at this time and the Habitat and Population indicators are, therefore, rated None to Slight.

It is the professional opinion of the Assessment Team that the public land within the Zubi Draw allotment meets the Upland and Biotic standards. There are no Riparian issues present, therefore this standard was not addressed. See site notes and recommendations for further information regarding the assessments on these ecological sites.

**Recommendations:** Monitoring should continue as well as rotational grazing schemes by the allotee. Mexican pasture may be need further ground truthing to confirm it's shallow ecological site status. According to the soil mapping, delineations may warrant it to be in a transition zone between loamy and shallow. The vegetation suggests it possesses more loamy characteristics than shallow however. The access road leading into Rock Tank

pasture needs immediate maintenence or it will surely become a gully with further resource damage occuring.

RFOs	Upland :	and Biotic Standa	rd Ass	essment S	ummary \	Worksh	eet	
		SITE 64068-M	IADE T	ΓANK-F0	56			
Legal L	and Desc	NESW 5 0140S 023 Meridian 23	0E		Acreag	e 2290		
	Ecosite	042CY025NM SHA SD-3	LLOW		Photo Take	n N		
V	Vatershed	13060009040 FELIX	ζ					
	Observers	NAVARRO/BAGGA	AO	Obse	rvation Dat	e 02/26/2	2004	
County So	il Survey	NM666 CHAVES S	OUTH	So	il Var/Taxa	d		
Soil I	Map Unit	Tg		Soil '	Taxon Nam	e TENC	EE	
Text	ure Class	NM666 GR-L			Soil Phas	e TENCI UPTO		
Texture	Modifier	NM666 GRAVELL LOAM	Y					
Obser Annual Pred	rved Avg cipitation			Observed A Season	Avg Growin Precipitatio			
	A Annual cipitation	$\gamma \gamma $		/ 9 /		O	4.91	
	AA Avg Annual Precipitation 12.9		12.98		Avg Growin Precipitatio	- I	'	
	ances and imal Use:							
Part 2. Attı	ributes ar	nd Indicators						
				ure from Eco otion/Ecolog			3	
Attribute	Indicator	S	Extrem e	Moderat e to Extreme		Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight	
S H	Rills						X	
Comments :								
SH	Water Fl	ow Patterns				X		
Comments :								
SH	Pedestals	and/or Terracettes				X		
Comments :								

SH	Bare Ground			X	
Comments :					
SH	Gullies				X
Comments :					
S	Wind-scoured, Blowouts, and/or Deposition Areas				X
Comments :					
Н	Litter Movement				X
Comments :					
SHB	Soil Surface Resistance to Erosion			X	
Comments :					
SHB	Soil Surface Loss or Degradation			X	
Comments :					
Н	Plant Community Composition and Distribution Relative to Infiltration and Runoff			X	
Comments :					
SHB	Compaction Layer				X
Comments :					
В	Functional/Structural Groups		X		
Comments :	Absence of gramas.				
В	Plant Mortality/Decadence				X
Comments :					
НВ	Litter Amount			X	
Comments :					

В	Annual Production			X		
Comments	7 militar i roduction			71	<u> </u>	
:	1/2 of average production.					
В	Invasive Plants			X		
Comments:	Mostly snakeweed.					
В	Reproductive Capability of Perennial Plants				X	
Comments:						
S	Physical/Chemical/Biologica l Crusts				X	
Comments :	Physical crusts evident.					
В	Wildlife Habitat				X	
Comments:						
В	Wildlife Populations				X	
Comments:						
В	Special Status Species Habitat					X
Comments:	None known to occur.					
В	Special Status Species Populations					X
Comments :	None known to occur.					
Part 3. Sur	mmary					
attributes be	r Summary - Each of the indica elow. An indicator is placed in Standard Attributes.					
Standard Attribute		Extrem e	Moderat e to Extreme	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight
S	Soil	0	0	0	6	4
Н	Hydrologic	0	0	0	7	4

В	Biotic	0	0	3	6	4

Attribute	Rationale	Does Not Meet	May Need More Info	Meet
Soil		0	0	10
Hydrologic		0	0	11
Biotic		0	3	10

Site Notes: This site appears be a gravelly inclusion. Photos taken of the northern reach of the transects. The gramas are dropping out of the loamy and shallow. Snakeweed, creosote and rocks are widely distributed. Compare to loamy-drainages which are well vegetated.

RFOs	Upland a	and Biotic Standa	rd Ass	essment Si	ummary	Worksh	eet
		SITE 64068-	MEXI	CAN-F055	5		
Legal L	and Desc	SESE 3 0140S 0230 Meridian 23	E		Acreas	ge 685	
	Ecosite	042CY025NM SHALLOW SD-3			Photo Taken		
V	Vatershed	13060009040 FELIX	K				
(	Observers	NAVARRO/BAGG	AO	Obse	rvation Da	te 02/27/2	2004
County Sc	oil Survey	NM666 CHAVES S	OUTH	So	il Var/Taxa	ıd	
Soil	Map Unit	Tg		Soil	Taxon Nan	ne TENCI	EΕ
Text	ture Class	NM666 GR-L			Soil Pha	TENCI UPTO	
Texture	Modifier	NM666 GRAVELL LOAM	Y				
Obse Annual Pre	rved Avg cipitation		Observed Avg Growing Season Precipitation		<b>-</b> □		
	A Annual cipitation		7.92		NOAA Growing Season Precipitation		4.91
NOAA Av Pre	g Annual cipitation		12.98		NOAA Avg Growing Season Precipitation		10.78
	ances and imal Use:						
Part 2. Att	ributes an	d Indicators					
				ure from Eco otion/Ecolog			}
Attribute	Indicator	S	Extren e	Moderat e to Extreme	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight
SH	Rills						X
Comments :							
SH	Water Flo	ow Patterns			X		
Comments :	Connecte	ed in some parts.					
SH	Pedestals	and/or Terracettes			X		
Comments	Pedestals	on tobosa plants.					

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SH	Bare Ground		X		
Comments :	70% is the current estimate ap	proaching the upp	per end of the	range ex	pected.
SH	Gullies				X
Comments :	Drainages well vegetated.				
S	Wind-scoured, Blowouts, and/or Deposition Areas				X
Comments :	Exposure to wind.				
Н	Litter Movement			X	
Comments :	Very little litter.				
SHB	Soil Surface Resistance to Erosion			X	
Comments :					
SHB	Soil Surface Loss or Degradation			X	
Comments :	Some A-horizon lost.				
Н	Plant Community Composition and Distribution Relative to Infiltration and Runoff			X	
Comments :					
SHB	Compaction Layer				X
Comments :					
В	Functional/Structural Groups		X		
Comments :	Blue and black grama out; rep	laced by tobosa a	nd burrograss		
В	Plant Mortality/Decadence			X	
Comments :	Dry conditions are causing thi	s indicator to read	l high.		
НВ	Litter Amount		X		
Comments	Now only estimated at 10%.				

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В	Annual Production			X		
Comments :	Only 1/2 of long-term average	and well	below ES	D.		
В	Invasive Plants			X		
Comments :	Creosote only scattered.					
В	Reproductive Capability of Perennial Plants				X	
Comments :	Slight affects.					
S	Physical/Chemical/Biologica l Crusts				X	
Comments:	Uniform crusts of biological a	nd physic	al.			
В	Wildlife Habitat				X	
Comments :						
В	Wildlife Populations				X	
Comments :						
В	Special Status Species Habitat					X
Comments :	None known to occur.					
В	Special Status Species Populations					X
Comments :	None known to occur.					
Part 3. Sun	nmary					
attributes be	Summary - Each of the indical elow. An indicator is placed in Standard Attributes.					
Standard Attribute		Extrem	Moderat e to Extreme	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight

Н	Hydrologic	0	0	4	4	3
В	Biotic	0	0	4	6	3

Attribute	Rationale	Does Not Meet	May Need More Info	Meet s
Soil		0	3	7
Hydrologic		0	4	7
Biotic		0	4	9

Site Notes: Large bare patches exist onsite. The pasture is the southernmost on the ranch.

RFOs	Upla	nd and Biotic Standa	rd As	sessment S	ummary	Worksh	eet
		SITE 64068-R	OCK	TANK-F05	54		
		SENE 34 0130S 0230E Meridian 23			Acreage	924	
Ec	osite	042CY007NM LOAMY	SD-3	P	hoto Taker	N	
Water	rshed	13060009040 FELIX	060009040 FELIX				
Obse	rvers	NAVARRO/BAGGAO		Obser	vation Date	02/27/20	004
County Su	Soil rvey	NM666 CHAVES SOUT	Н	Soil	Var/Taxac	1	
Soil Map	Unit	Tg		Soil T	axon Name	TENCE	Е
Texture Class NM		NM666 GR-L			Soil Phase	TENCE	Е-
	xture difier	NM666 GRAVELLY LO	OAM				
Observed Avg Annual Precipitation				Observed Av Season P	vg Growing recipitation	'	
NOAA Annual Precipitation			7.92	NOAA Growing Season Precipitation		'	4.91
NOAA Ar Precipit	nnual		12.98	NOAA Avg Growing Season Precipitation			10.78
and Ar	nimal	There is quite a bit of cat pairs. The site is well dis uniform. The road is become	tribute	d in regards t	o water and		
Part 2. Attı	ribute	es and Indicators					
			_	ture from Ecoiption/Ecolog	-		
Attribute	Indic	eators	Extre e	m Moderat e to Extreme	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight
SH	Rills						X
Comments	13113		<u> </u>		<u>                                     </u>		2.5
S H	Wate	er Flow Patterns				X	
Comments :							

SH	Pedestals and/or Terracettes				X	
Comments :	Plenty of plants are on the verg	ge of beco	ming pede	staled.		
SH	Bare Ground			X		
Comments:	Now 60-70% is the estimate.					
SH	Gullies				X	
Comments :	Vegetation is stabilizing the are is becoming a gully itself.	ea, howev	er the road	l leading i	nto the pa	sture
S	Wind-scoured, Blowouts, and/or Deposition Areas					X
Comments :						
Н	Litter Movement				X	
Comments:						
SHB	Soil Surface Resistance to Erosion				X	
Comments :	Organic matter					
SHB	Soil Surface Loss or Degradation				X	
Comments :						
Н	Plant Community Composition and Distribution Relative to Infiltration and Runoff				X	
Comments :						
SHB	Compaction Layer					X
Comments :	On roads.					
В	Functional/Structural Groups			X		
Comments :	The forbs component is missing	g.				
В	Plant Mortality/Decadence				X	
Comments :	10% is the amount of current do	ecadence				

НВ	Litter Amount			X				
Comments :	Estimation is now at 15%.							
В	Annual Production			X				
Comments :	60% of potential.							
В	Invasive Plants			X				
Comments :	Yucca and snakeweed on shallow inclusions.							
В	Reproductive Capability of Perennial Plants				X			
Comments :								
S	Physical/Chemical/Biologica l Crusts				X			
Comments :	Physical crusts evident.							
В	Wildlife Habitat				X			
Comments :								
В	Wildlife Populations				X			
Comments :								
В	Special Status Species Habitat					X		
Comments :	None known to occur.							
В	Special Status Species Populations					X		
Comments :	None known to occur.							
Part 3. Sun	nmary							
attributes be	Summary - Each of the indication. An indicator is placed in Standard Attributes.							
Standard Attribute		Extrem	Moderat e to	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat	None to		

			Extreme		e	Slight
S	Soil	0	0	1	6	3
Н	Hydrologic	0	0	2	7	2
В	Biotic	0	0	4	6	3
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Attribute	Rationale	Does Not Meet	May Need More Info	Meet
Soil		0	1	9
Hydrologic		0	2	9
Biotic		0	4	9

Site Notes: There is cattle use on this pasture. Drinkers are found at the bottom and the small drainages are well vegetated. Access to the site is becoming a gully due to no maintenance. There is plenty of standing litter with more grass than the other sites.

RFOs	Upland :	and Biotic Standa	rd Asse	essment Si	ummary <b>V</b>	Vorksh	eet
		SITE 64068-S0	OUTH 7	ΓRAP-F0	57		
Legal L	and Decc	NWSE 21 0130S 02 Meridian 23	30E		Acreage		
	Ecosite 042CY007NM LOA SD-3		.MY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Photo Take	n N	
V	Watershed 13060007030 ZUBI		ER				
(	Observers	NAVARRO/BAGG	AO	Obse	rvation Dat	e 02/27/2	2004
County So	il Survey	NM666 CHAVES S	OUTH	So	il Var/Taxa	d	
Soil	Map Unit	Tg		Soil '	Taxon Nam	e TENCI	EE
Texture Class NM666 GR-		NM666 GR-L			Soil Phas	e TENCI UPTO	
Texture Modifier		NM666 GRAVELL LOAM	Y			1	
Observed Avg Annual Precipitation				Observed Avg Growing Season Precipitation		n	
	A Annual cipitation	1/ (9.7)			AA Growin Precipitatio	- I	4.91
NOAA Av Pre	g Annual cipitation	I / UX		NOAA Avg Growing Season Precipitation		<b>-</b>	10.78
	ances and imal Use:						
Part 2. Att	ributes ar	nd Indicators					
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Attribute	Indicator	S	Extrem e	Moderat e to Extreme	I MOODERAL II	Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight
SH	Rills						X
Comments:							-
SH	Water Fl	ow Patterns				X	
Comments :							
SH	Pedestals	and/or Terracettes					X

Comments						
SH	Bare Ground				X	
Comments :	Now only 1/2 of ESD and long	g-term ave	rage.			
SH	Gullies					X
Comments :						
S	Wind-scoured, Blowouts, and/or Deposition Areas					X
Comments :						
Н	Litter Movement					X
Comments :	Vegetation intercepts what litt	le litter ex	ists.			
SHB	Soil Surface Resistance to Erosion				X	
Comments :	Stable, not very erodible.					
SHB	Soil Surface Loss or Degradation				X	
Comments :						
Н	Plant Community Composition and Distribution Relative to Infiltration and Runoff					X
Comments :						
SHB	Compaction Layer					X
Comments:	Some cattle trailing.					
В	Functional/Structural Groups			X		
Comments:	Gramas missing. Tobosa, creo	ste and sic	leoats are	now curre	ntly on sit	e.
В	Plant Mortality/Decadence				X	
Comments :						
НВ	Litter Amount			X		

Comments :	Below expected.							
В	Annual Production				X			
Comments:	50% of expected.							
В	Invasive Plants				X			
Comments :	Yucca scattered.							
В	Reproductive Capability of Perennial Plants				X			
Comments :								
S	Physical/Chemical/Biologica l Crusts				X			
Comments:	Physical crusting fairly uniform	m.						
В	Wildlife Habitat				X			
Comments :								
В	Wildlife Populations				X			
Comments :								
В	Special Status Species Habitat					X		
Comments :	None known to occur.							
В	Special Status Species Populations					X		
Comments :	None known to occur.							
Part 3. Sun	nmary							
A. Indicator Summary - Each of the indicators are associated with one or more of the attributes below. An indicator is placed in a category (columns) above and summed for each of the Standard Attributes.								
			N. 1 .		G1: 1	NT.		
Standard Attribute		Extrem e	Moderat e to Extreme	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat	None to Slight		

S	Soil	0	0	0	5	5
Н	Hydrologic	0	0	1	4	6
В	Biotic	0	0	2	8	3

Attribute	Rationale	Does Not Meet	May Need More Info	Meet
Soil		0	0	10
Hydrologic		0	1	10
Biotic		0	2	11

Site Notes: Gentle topography with some biological crusting.

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		SITE 64068	-SULF	U <b>R-F058</b>			
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	Observers	NAVARRO/BAGG	AO	Obse	ervation Da	te 02/27/	2004
County So	oil Survey	NM666 CHAVES S	OUTH	So	oil Var/Taxa	.d	
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Part 2. Att	ributes ar	nd Indicators					
					ological Site		S
Attribute	Indicator	S	Extrem e	Moderat e to Extreme		Slight to Moderat e	None to Slight
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Comments :							
SH	Water Fl	ow Patterns				X	
Comments :							
SH	Pedestals	and/or Terracettes				X	

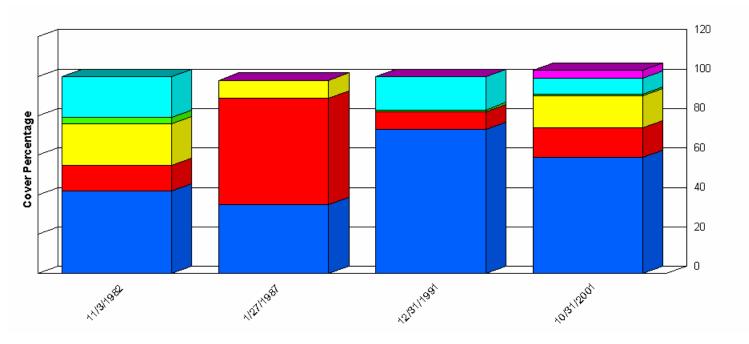
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SH	Bare Ground			X					
Comments :	Bareground is currently estimated at 60%.								
SH	Gullies				X				
Comments :	Bottoms not in great shape, bu	t function	nal.						
S	Wind-scoured, Blowouts, and/or Deposition Areas					X			
Comments :	Water actions, sheet.								
Н	Litter Movement				X				
Comments :	Wind and water.								
SHB	Soil Surface Resistance to Erosion				X				
Comments :	Physical crusts are somewhat resistant.								
SHB	Soil Surface Loss or Degradation				X				
Comments :									
Н	Plant Community Composition and Distribution Relative to Infiltration and Runoff				X				
Comments :	Lack of plants, such as browse	species.							
SHB	Compaction Layer				X				
Comments :									
В	Functional/Structural Groups			X					
Comments :	There is lack of browse, and v	ery few fo	orb. Wolfb	erry is fou	nd on site.				
В	Plant Mortality/Decadence				X				
Comments :									
НВ	Litter Amount			X					

Comments :	10-15% is the current estimate	·-						
В	Annual Production			X				
Comments :	Only 40% of potential can be observed.							
В	Invasive Plants			X				
Comments:	Cholla is scattered along with	snakewee	ed.					
В	Reproductive Capability of Perennial Plants				X			
Comments:								
S	Physical/Chemical/Biologica l Crusts				X			
Comments:	Physical crusts are evident.							
В	Wildlife Habitat				X			
Comments :								
В	Wildlife Populations				X			
Comments :								
В	Special Status Species Habitat					X		
Comments :	None known to occur.							
В	Special Status Species Populations					X		
Comments:	None known to occur.							
Part 3. Summary								
A. Indicator Summary - Each of the indicators are associated with one or more of the attributes below. An indicator is placed in a category (columns) above and summed for each of the Standard Attributes.								
Standard Attribute		Extrem	Moderat e to Extreme	Moderat e	Slight to Moderat	None to Slight		

	Soil	0	0	1	7	2
Н	Hydrologic	0	0	2	8	1
В	Biotic	0	0	4	7	2

Attribute	Rationale	Does Not Meet	May Need More Info	Meet
Soil		0	1	9
Hydrologic		0	2	9
Biotic		0	4	9
Site Notes:				

# **Ground Cover Trends**



Shrub SROCK LROCK LITTER Grass BGROUND
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	11/3/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
BGROUND	42.00	35.00	73.00	59.00
Grass	13.00	54.00	9.00	15.00
LITTER	21.00	9.00	0.00	16.00
LROCK	3.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
SROCK	21.00	0.00	17.00	8.00
Total	100.00	98.00	100.00	103.00

### **Report Parameters**

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ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

# **Functional / Structural Groups**

**Report Parameters** 

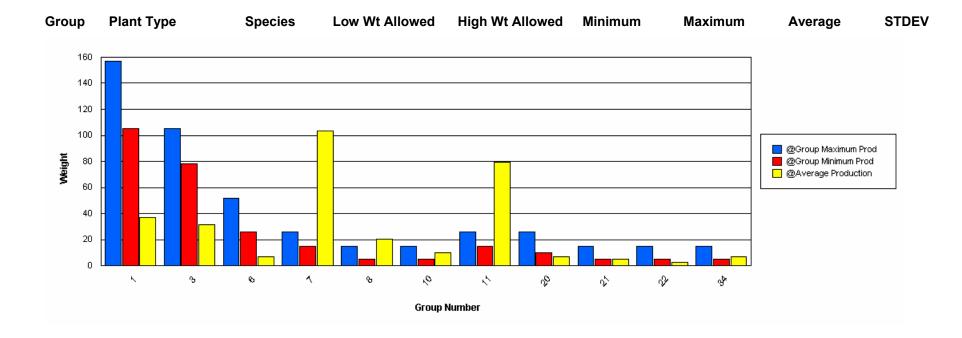
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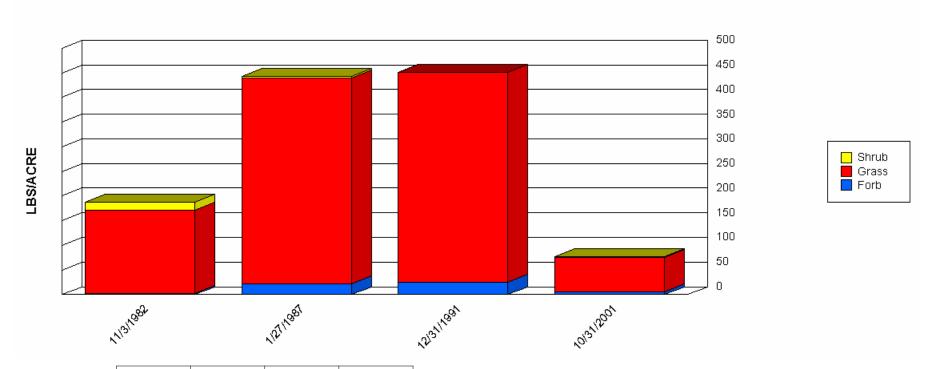
MIN LBS TO GRAPH

SELECTED ECOSITE 042CY025NM

Group	Plant Type	Species	Low Wt Allowed	High Wt Allowed	Minimum	Maximum	Average	STDEV
1	Grass	BOER4	105	157	22.54	66.00	37.07	17.32
3	Grass	BOGR2	78	105	0.00	99.00	31.19	39.54
6	Grass	SPCR	26	52	0.00	12.29	7.10	5.19
7	Grass	TRMU	15	26	0.00	75.00	48.88	29.32
7	Grass	TRPI2	15	26	0.00	123.33	54.78	51.28
8	Grass	MUAR	5	15	7.00	54.00	20.65	19.39
10	Grass	ERPU8	5	15	0.00	17.97	10.26	6.71
11	Grass	ARIST	15	26	2.13	64.03	19.43	25.89
11	Grass	HIMU2	15	26	9.00	39.48	24.89	11.57
11	Grass	MUAR2	15	26	0.00	38.80	13.99	17.59
11	Grass	SCBR2	15	26	0.93	50.00	21.18	19.94
12	Grass	TRAGU	0	5	0.00	0.59	0.20	0.28
14	Grass	PAHA	5	15	0.00	1.19	0.40	0.56
20	Forb	CROTO	10	26	0.00	18.00	7.16	7.40
21	Forb	AAFF	5	15	0.00	8.10	5.03	3.59
22	Forb	HOGL2	5	15	0.00	1.83	0.61	0.86
22	Forb	PPFF	5	15	0.00	3.24	1.62	1.62
22	Forb	SOLAN	5	15	0.00	0.37	0.12	0.17
34	Shrub	GUSA2	5	15	1.12	16.10	6.95	6.55



### **Production Lbs/Acre Trends**



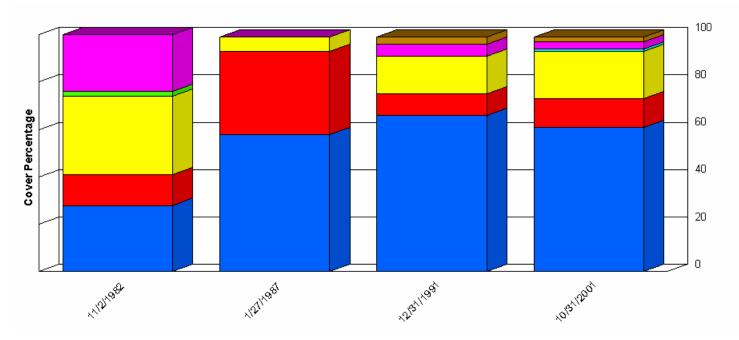
	11/3/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
Forb	2.85	21.34	25.00	5.37
Grass	168.13	418.71	426.00	70.69
Shrub	16.10	3.64	0.00	1.12
Total	187.08	443.69	451.00	77.17

#### **Report Parameters**

SITE NAME LIKE 64068-MADE TANK-F056

ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

# **Ground Cover Trends**



Forb SROCK Shrub LROCK LITTER Grass BGROUND
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	11/2/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
BGROUND	28.00	58.00	66.00	61.00
Forb	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.00
Grass	13.00	35.00	9.00	12.00
LITTER	33.00	6.00	16.00	20.00
LROCK	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
SROCK	24.00	0.00	5.00	3.00

	11/2/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
Total	100.00	99.00	99.00	99.00

### **Report Parameters**

SITE NAME LIKE 64068-MEXICAN-F055

ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

# **Functional / Structural Groups**

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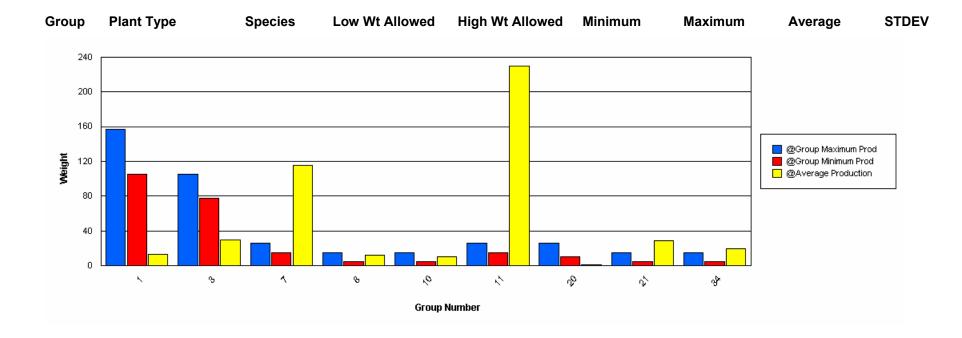
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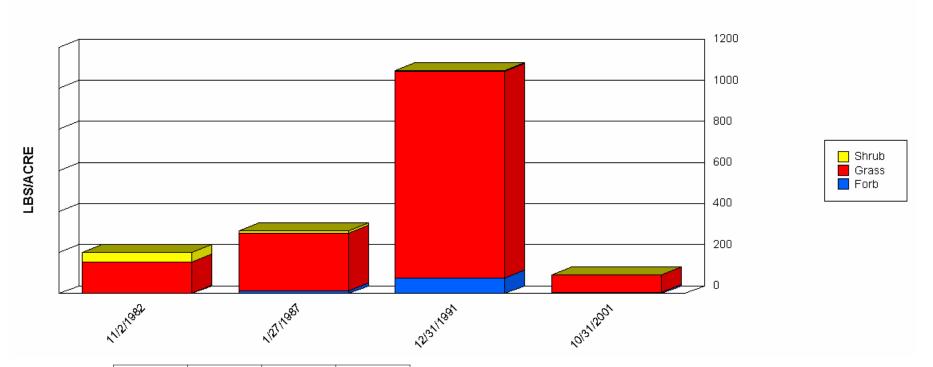
MIN LBS TO GRAPH 1

SELECTED ECOSITE 042CY025NM

Group	Plant Type	Species	Low Wt Allowed	High Wt Allowed	Minimum	Maximum	Average	STDEV
1	Grass	BOER4	105	157	1.38	31.00	13.07	10.98
3	Grass	BOGR2	78	105	0.00	84.00	29.56	38.55
7	Grass	TRMU	15	26	0.00	53.94	28.34	22.70
7	Grass	TRPI2	15	26	10.71	142.00	87.24	55.77
8	Grass	MUAR	5	15	0.47	31.00	12.66	11.39
10	Grass	ERPU8	5	15	1.33	20.00	9.93	7.41
11	Grass	ARIST	15	26	1.03	9.80	5.41	4.39
11	Grass	HIMU2	15	26	15.84	612.00	178.90	250.62
11	Grass	MUAR2	15	26	0.00	5.82	3.52	2.53
11	Grass	SCBR2	15	26	20.91	64.00	42.20	15.24
17	Forb	SPHAE	5	15	0.00	0.54	0.27	0.27
20	Forb	CROTO	10	26	0.00	4.00	1.44	1.81
21	Forb	AAFF	5	15	0.86	76.00	29.22	33.33
22	Forb	ERTE13	5	15	0.00	1.83	0.61	0.86
25	Shrub	LADI2	5	15	0.00	2.75	0.92	1.30
34	Shrub	GUSA2	5	15	0.75	46.00	19.42	19.30
36	Shrub	DALEA	5	15	0.00	0.39	0.13	0.19



### **Production Lbs/Acre Trends**



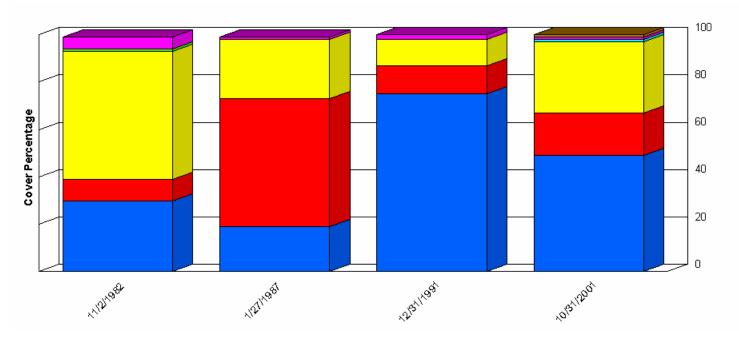
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Forb	2.16	15.34	76.00	6.93
Grass	150.28	279.04	1,005.00	84.81
Shrub	49.15	11.53	7.00	0.75
Total	201.59	305.91	1,088.00	92.49

#### **Report Parameters**

SITE NAME LIKE 64068-MEXICAN-F055

ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

## **Ground Cover Trends**



	11/2/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
BGROUND	30.00	19.00	75.00	49.00
Forb	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
Grass	9.00	54.00	12.00	18.00
LITTER	54.00	25.00	11.00	30.00
LROCK	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
SROCK	5.00	1.00	2.00	1.00

	11/2/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
Total	99.00	99.00	100.00	100.00

### **Report Parameters**

SITE NAME LIKE 64068-ROCK TANK-F054

ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

## **Functional / Structural Groups**

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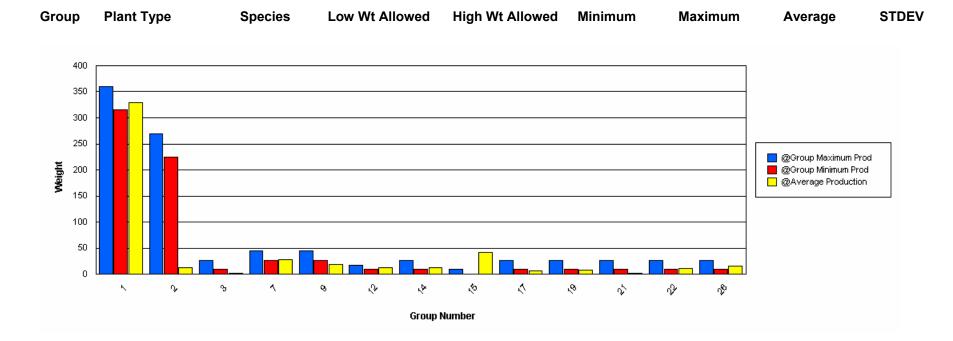
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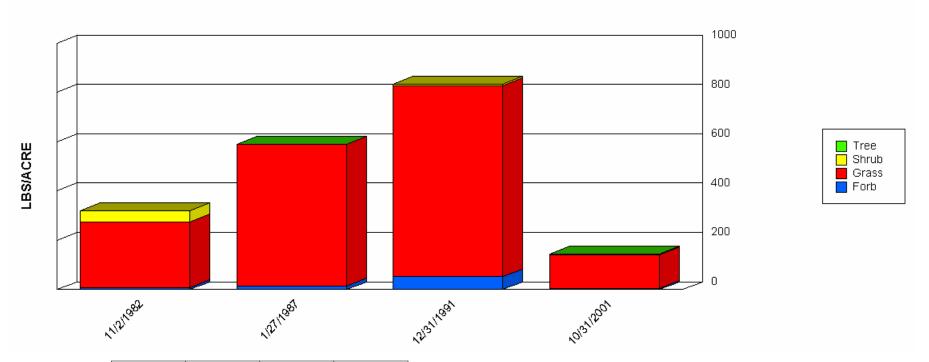
MIN LBS TO GRAPH

SELECTED ECOSITE 042CY007NM

Group	Plant Type	Species	Low Wt Allowed	High Wt Allowed	Minimum	Maximum	Average	STDEV
1	Grass	HIMU2	315	360	87.84	655.00	276.40	227.34
1	Grass	SCBR2	315	360	32.67	84.00	52.17	19.19
2	Grass	BOER4	225	270	0.00	14.56	7.52	5.95
2	Grass	BOGR2	225	270	0.00	9.33	4.67	4.67
3	Grass	BOCU	9	27	0.00	4.39	2.19	2.19
7	Grass	ARIST	27	45	0.00	84.28	24.79	34.50
7	Grass	SPCR	27	45	0.00	6.47	3.23	3.23
9	Grass	MUAR	27	45	0.00	20.05	11.59	7.53
9	Grass	MUAR2	27	45	0.00	14.23	6.67	5.84
12	Grass	PAHA	9	18	0.00	37.50	12.21	14.83
14	Grass	TRMU	9	27	0.00	31.62	12.06	13.95
15	Grass	TRPI2	0	9	0.00	122.00	42.00	56.59
17	Grass	ERPU8	9	27	2.00	11.33	5.78	3.42
18	Forb	SPHAE	9	27	0.00	0.73	0.24	0.35
19	Forb	CROTO	9	27	0.00	20.00	6.57	7.86
19	Forb	PENA	9	27	0.00	3.00	1.09	1.14
19	Forb	SELO	9	27	0.00	1.33	0.44	0.63
21	Forb	ERTE13	9	27	0.00	8.00	2.18	3.37
22	Forb	AAFF	9	27	0.00	21.00	10.42	8.57
24	Forb	MELE2	9	27	0.00	0.33	0.11	0.15
26	Shrub	GUSA2	9	27	0.00	40.02	13.34	18.87
26	Shrub	OPLE	9	27	0.00	0.20	0.10	0.10
26	Shrub	OPUNT	9	27	0.00	8.00	2.77	3.27
26	Tree	YUEL	9	27	0.00	0.33	0.17	0.17



### **Production Lbs/Acre Trends**



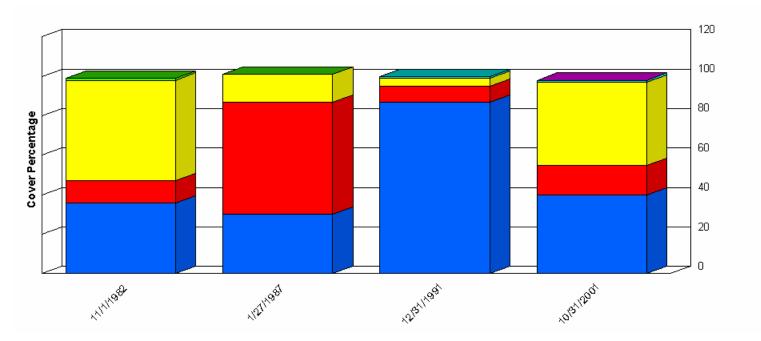
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Forb	6.89	14.13	52.00	4.80
Grass	269.11	575.83	774.00	137.77
Shrub	43.10	0.20	8.00	3.33
Tree	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00
Total	319.09	590.50	834.00	145.91

#### **Report Parameters**

SITE NAME LIKE 64068-ROCK TANK-F054

ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

## **Ground Cover Trends**



Shrub Forb SROCK LITTER
Grass BGROUND

	11/1/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
BGROUND	36.00	30.00	87.00	40.00
Forb	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Grass	11.00	57.00	8.00	15.00
LITTER	51.00	14.00	4.00	42.00
Shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SROCK	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	99.00	101.00	100.00	98.00

### **Report Parameters**

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ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

## **Functional / Structural Groups**

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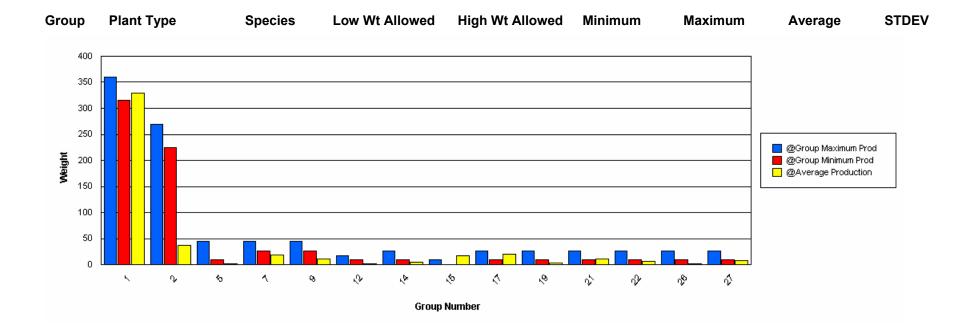
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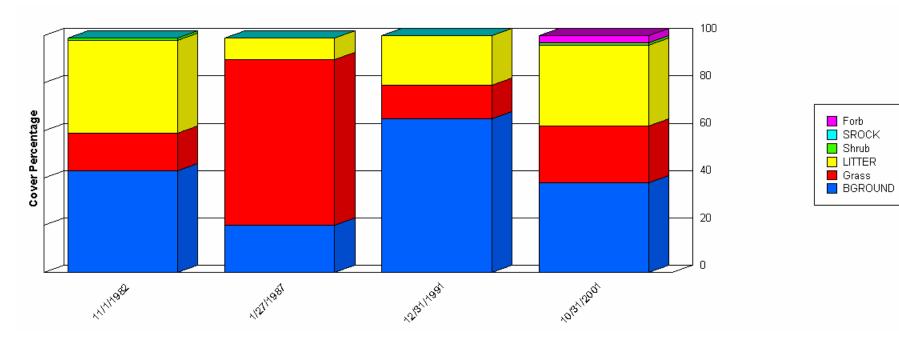
MIN LBS TO GRAPH 1

SELECTED ECOSITE 042CY007NM

Group	Plant Type	Species	Low Wt Allowed	High Wt Allowed	Minimum	Maximum	Average	STDEV
1	Grass	HIJA	315	360	0.00	18.80	9.40	9.40
1	Grass	HIMU2	315	360	74.88	638.00	285.48	221.13
1	Grass	SCBR2	315	360	14.47	69.19	34.15	21.18
2	Grass	BOER4	225	270	0.00	102.00	27.31	43.16
2	Grass	BOGR2	225	270	0.00	28.00	10.53	10.55
5	Grass	BOSA	9	45	0.00	3.13	1.57	1.57
7	Grass	ARIST	27	45	1.54	32.01	15.72	10.87
7	Grass	SPCR	27	45	0.00	4.37	2.68	1.92
9	Grass	MUAR	27	45	0.00	25.87	10.73	9.73
12	Grass	PAHA	9	18	0.00	3.33	1.44	1.40
14	Grass	TRMU	9	27	0.00	10.45	4.30	4.46
15	Grass	TRPI2	0	9	0.00	50.67	17.56	23.43
17	Grass	ERPU8	9	27	0.57	10.00	4.16	3.59
17	Grass	LECO	9	27	0.00	33.33	16.67	16.67
18	Forb	SPCO	9	27	0.00	0.31	0.10	0.15
19	Forb	CROTO	9	27	0.00	4.00	1.33	1.63
19	Forb	PENA	9	27	0.27	2.67	1.84	1.11
21	Forb	ERTE13	9	27	0.00	36.00	11.30	14.60
22	Forb	AAFF	9	27	0.00	16.74	6.25	7.46
24	Forb	MELE2	9	27	0.00	0.98	0.33	0.46
26	Shrub	GUSA2	9	27	0.00	5.06	1.69	2.39
26	Shrub	OPIM	9	27	0.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
27	Shrub	SENEC2	9	27	0.00	16.20	8.10	8.10



# **Ground Cover Trends**



	11/1/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
BGROUND	43.00	20.00	65.00	38.00
Forb	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
Grass	16.00	70.00	14.00	24.00
LITTER	39.00	9.00	21.00	34.00
Shrub	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
SROCK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	99.00	99.00	100.00	100.00

### **Report Parameters**

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ON/AFTER 10/01/1982 ON/BEFORE 09/30/2002

## **Functional / Structural Groups**

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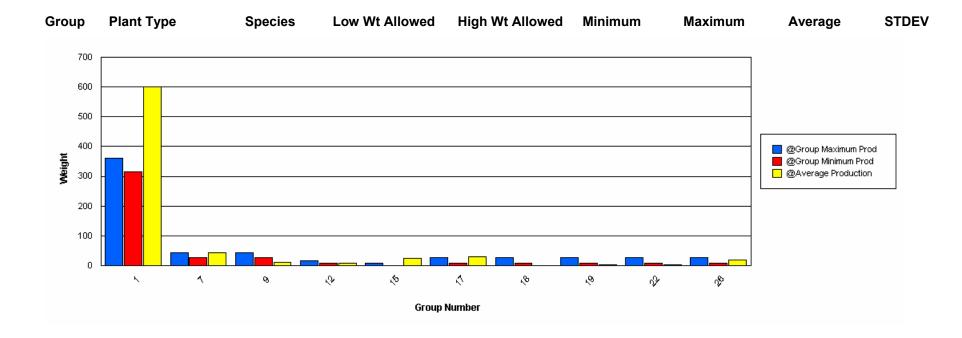
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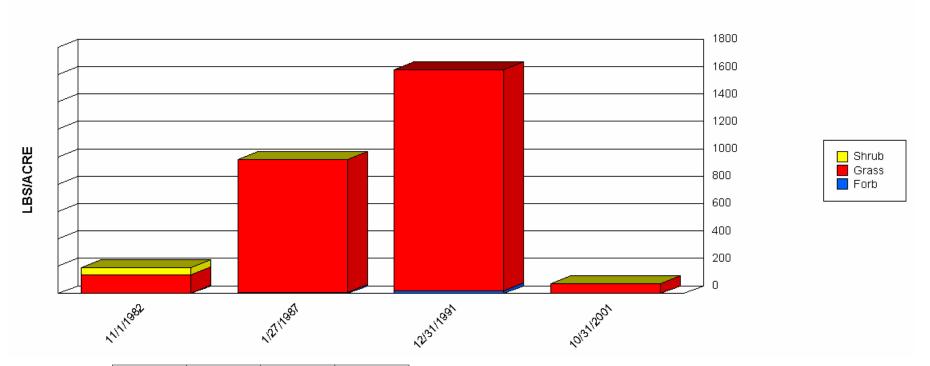
MIN LBS TO GRAPH 1

SELECTED ECOSITE 042CY007NM

Group	Plant Type	Species	Low Wt Allowed	High Wt Allowed	Minimum	Maximum	Average	STDEV
1	Grass	HIMU2	315	360	49.44	1,377.00	546.08	534.59
1	Grass	SCBR2	315	360	18.67	141.12	55.03	50.10
7	Grass	ARIST	27	45	1.60	115.00	44.66	46.88
9	Grass	MUAR	27	45	0.00	43.00	11.61	18.18
12	Grass	PAHA	9	18	0.00	22.00	9.56	9.21
15	Grass	TRPI2	0	9	0.00	50.67	25.34	25.34
17	Grass	LECO	9	27	0.00	60.76	30.38	30.38
18	Forb	SPHAE	9	27	0.00	6.00	1.74	2.49
19	Forb	CROTO	9	27	0.00	3.00	0.91	1.23
19	Forb	PENA	9	27	0.00	7.00	2.56	2.75
19	Forb	SELO	9	27	0.00	1.00	0.33	0.47
22	Forb	AAFF	9	27	0.00	5.00	3.29	2.32
26	Shrub	ECHIN2	9	27	0.00	0.59	0.20	0.28
26	Shrub	GUSA2	9	27	0.00	51.98	18.54	23.69



### **Production Lbs/Acre Trends**



	11/1/1982	1/27/1987	12/31/1991	10/31/2001
Forb	3.14	7.53	23.00	0.00
Grass	134.25	971.66	1,612.00	70.68
Shrub	52.57	3.64	0.00	0.00
Total	189.96	982.83	1,635.00	70.68

#### **Report Parameters**

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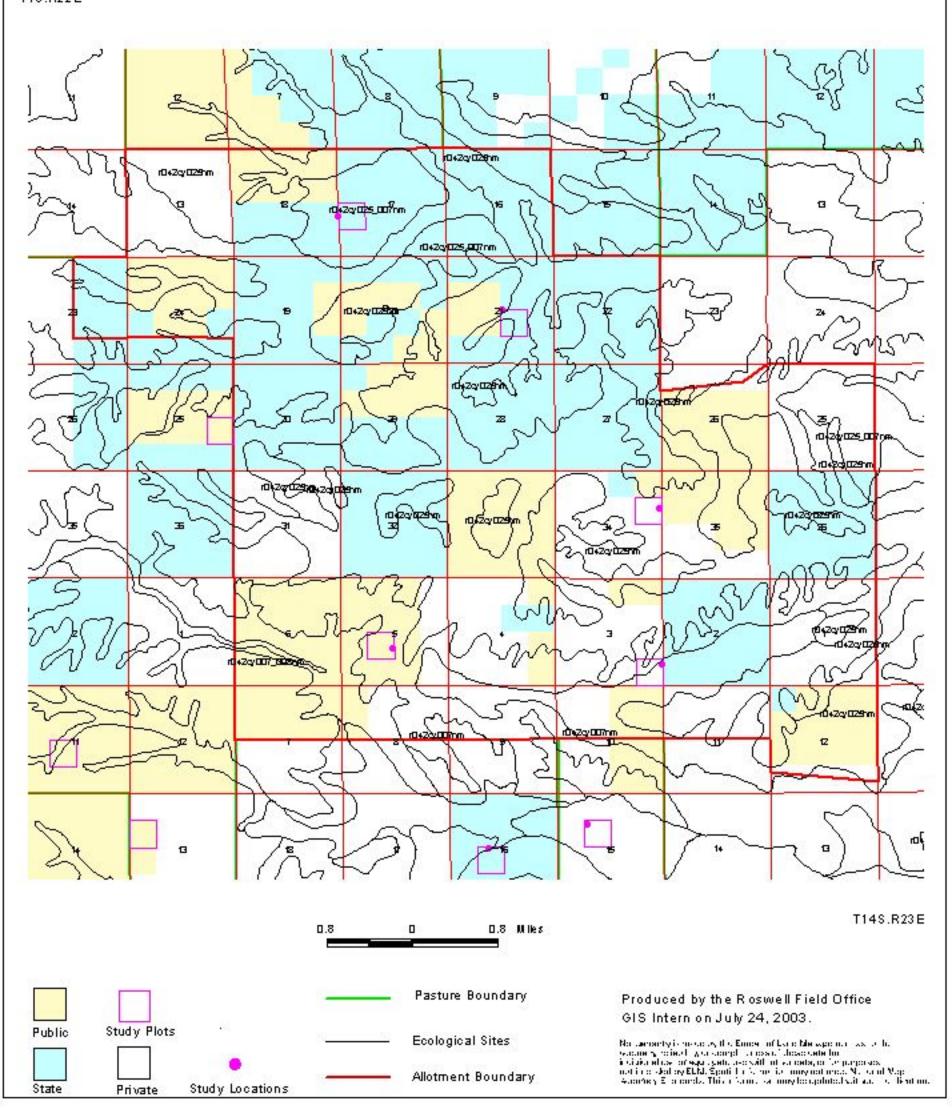


# Rangeland Health Assessment Ecological Sites



Allotment 64068

T13.R22E





# Rangeland Health Assessment Soil Mapping Units



Allotment 64068

T13.R22E

